

## Exhibit 8

### Trends in Pharmacy Costs and Utilization: Endocrine and Metabolic Drugs Aged, Blind and Disabled Aid Categories Only

Los Angeles County Fee for Service Enrollees (excludes non-FFP aid categories)

EDS processed pharmacy claims and state drug/supply codes paid through June 30, 1999

Years shown based on date of service; excludes Medicare crossover claims

1997 Avg Monthly Eligibles: 389,062

1998 Avg Monthly Eligibles: 390,804

% chg: 0%

	Total Expenditures (000s)			Net Increase/Decrease (000s)	Total Prescriptions		
	1997	1998	% chg		1997	1998	% chg
Corticosteroids	\$616	\$625	1%	8.6	76,323	76,834	1%
Androgen-Anabolic	\$398	\$544	37%	\$146	3,373	3,761	12%
Estrogens	\$2,520	\$3,074	22%	\$554	77,009	86,394	12%
Contraceptives, Oral	\$488	\$524	7%	\$36	8,539	9,139	7%
Progestins	\$448	\$406	-9%	-\$42	21,898	20,114	-8%
Antidiabetics	\$19,040	\$24,347	28%	\$5,307	464,061	527,793	14%
Thyroid	\$1,301	\$1,539	18%	\$238	104,971	110,519	5%
Oxytocics	\$6.4	\$5.8	-10%	-0.6	429	418	-3%
Misc. Endocrine	\$9,203	\$20,594	124%	\$11,391	58,219	94,349	62%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,019</b>	<b>\$51,659</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>\$17,639</b>	<b>814,822</b>	<b>929,321</b>	<b>14%</b>

  

	PMPM			Prescriptions per 1,000			Cost per Prescription		
	1997	1998	% chg	1997	1998	% chg	1997	1998	% chg
Corticosteroids	\$0.13	\$0.13	1%	196	197	0%	\$8.07	\$8.13	1%
Androgen-Anabolic	\$0.09	\$0.12	36%	8.7	10	11%	\$117.96	\$144.69	23%
Estrogens	\$0.54	\$0.66	21%	198	221	12%	\$32.72	\$35.58	9%
Contraceptives, Oral	\$0.10	\$0.11	7%	22	23	7%	\$57.14	\$57.33	0%
Progestins	\$0.10	\$0.09	-10%	56	51	-9%	\$20.46	\$20.19	-1%
Antidiabetics	\$4.08	\$5.19	27%	1,193	1,351	13%	\$41.03	\$46.13	12%
Thyroid	\$0.28	\$0.33	18%	270	283	5%	\$12.39	\$13.93	12%
Oxytocics	\$0.00	\$0.00	-10%	1.1	1.1	-3%	\$14.92	\$13.79	-8%
Misc. Endocrine	\$1.97	\$4.39	123%	150	241	61%	\$158.07	\$218.28	38%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7.29</b>	<b>\$11.02</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>\$41.75</b>	<b>\$55.59</b>	<b>33%</b>